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## HESS URGES REGISTRATION

### HALLECK, CAPEHART MUST GO

Pat Hess of the Ft. Wayne Teamsters has urged all Teamster business representatives in Indiana to get out the Teamster vote at the May primaries and the Fall election.

He explained at the February 17 meeting of the Indiana Conference of Teamsters that the Indiana State Federation of Labor, of which he is a vice-president, is going all the way this time to see that friends of labor are sent to Congress and the General Assembly.

"The two No. Ones to be retired," he said, "are Capehart and Halleck. Any candidate who can beat these will have the support of the State Federation," he believed.

"And anyone who can defeat Capehart and Halleck should have the support of the State Federation," he believed.

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### Lloyd Reisner Driver of Year

Lloyd Reisner, driver for the Hancock Truck Lines, Indianapolis, and member of Teamsters Union No. 135, has been selected "Driver of the Year" (1949) by the Indiana Motor Truck Assn.

The selection entitles Reisner to consideration for national Driver of the Year by the American Trucking Assn. It was made by the state committee after considering seven drivers who had been named during the year as "Driver of the Month."

Reisner, one of the seven, was selected for month of August, because of his action last June in rescuing a nine-year-old girl and her mother from a wrecked automobile near Louisville, Ky., as reported in this publication last October.

The other drivers considered for Indiana Driver of the Year by having won Indiana Driver of the Month recognition during 1949 were:

Leon Brown, Gerard Motor Express, Terre Haute; Gerald Davis, Miller Transportation, Inc., Kokomo; Wayne Taylor, B. B. & I. Motor Freight, Bloomington; Herschel Wethington, Aero Mayflower Transit Co., Indianapolis; Harry A. Smith, Miller Transportation, Inc., Kokomo; and Freddie H. Wines, Ellis Trucking Co., Indianapolis.



As a reward for reducing accidents 48 per cent in 1949 over the previous year, drivers of the Indianapolis Division of Columbia Transportation Service, Inc., were entertained at a banquet at McClary's Famous Restaurant on the night of February 21.

The drivers, all members of Teamsters Union No. 193, had all the chicken they could eat, listened to brief talks by sundry guests and saw a movie short on safe driving unveiled by Jack Gannell of the Fleet Safety Division, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Safe driving awards were presented by R. H. Brundige, company president, to Omer McGuire, who has driven nine years without a chargeable accident; Robert Terry, eight years; William Strange and Charles Mackey, three years each; Sherman Crooley, Arthur

Moore, Lee Summers and William Towell, two years each; James Frye, Richard Grimes, Frank Divilbiss, Fred Weatherly, William Cowden, Leonard Minton, Thomas Carroll, Howard Lambertson, Levy McAllister, R. L. Foster and Edward Ashmore, one year each. Lambertson, Curtis and McAllister drive vans for the Pearson Furniture and Music Stores.

Guests included Maurice E. Day, business representative Teamsters Union No. 193; James E. Nicholas, secretary of the Indiana Motor Truck Assn.; H. E. Fairweather, Interstate Commerce Commission; Lieut. Bailey, Indianapolis Police Dept., and Michael Moran, manager of the company's Contract Carrier Dept.

Meeting was conducted by J. E. Allen, Indianapolis branch manager, and B. T. Hundley, company safety director.

### TRUCK ROADEO FOR MAY 13-14 IN EVANSVILLE

EVANSVILLE — Evansville's third annual Truck Rodeo, sponsored by the safety division of the Chamber of Commerce and participated in chiefly by members of Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215, will be held May 13 and 14.

Clyde Birdsong, president of Local 215, who was in

### Neff of No. 144 Hero of Month

George Neff, of Teamsters Union No. 144 Terre Haute has been acclaimed Driver of the Month for January, 1950 by the Indiana Motor Truck Assn.

Neff, living at R. R. 6, and a contender in the 1948 state Truck Rodeo, was cited for saving the lives of two people, trapped in a wrecked and burning auto, last December, while he was enroute from Chicago to Evansville in a Motor Freight Corp. truck.

Terre Haute newspapers and "The Fifth Wheel" official publication of the IMTA reported the act of heroism, the latter publication quoting Neff's story as he told

### New Teamster



Small wonder Mr. and Mrs. James K. Katz of Richmond celebrated Saint Patrick's Day this year, for on March 17 their son Douglas Allen Katz was six months old.

Douglas Allen is a husky little rascal and raring to grow up and get out on the picket line for Teamsters 691.

It to the State Police, as follows:

"I was driving south on U. S. Highway 41 and as I came to a curve about 12 miles north of Rockville, Indiana, I saw a car which had overturned in the ditch and was on fire. I stopped my truck, lit a fusee and ran back to see if there was anyone in the car.

"In the meantime, a girl had got out of the wreckage and was crying and begging me to help get 'the others' out. I could see another girl in the car and noted she was fastened between the

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### Local 417 Signs Beatrice Again

Charles Miller, head of Teamsters Local 417, Vincennes, reported to the February meeting of the Indiana Conference of Teamsters that his union has obtained a new contract with the Beatrice Creamery Co. with an increase for his members.

### Mrs. O. B. Chambers Organizes Women In 5th District Centers

Women of the Fifth Congressional district of Indiana are being organized by the hundreds to work for the election of liberal candidates and for the defeat of any labor-hating shyster who seeks a seat next Election Day in Congress or the General Assembly.

The movement is something new, sponsored by Labor's League for Political Education, of the AFL, and is a big surprise in the extent of its development even to the sponsors who chose Mrs. O. B. Chambers of Kokomo as chairman.

Mrs. Chambers has given a whirlwind picture in a few weeks of what women can do when started. The wife of O. B. Chambers, head of the Kokomo Teamsters, of Teamsters Joint Council 69 and the Indiana Conference of Teamsters, Mrs. Chambers has already set up organizations by counties in most of her district, and is now working on the others.

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### De Ford New BA For Local 694

Drexel De Ford has been appointed assistant business representative of Teamsters Union No. 694, to serve out of the local's two headquarters at Columbus and Bloomington.

Appointment was made by President Herman LaMaster, who explained that the addition to his staff was made necessary by a large increase in membership and the wide territory covered by his union.

De Ford has a long labor background and is up on construction and freight. He is well liked.

### Gross Is Named New BA of 144

James Gross of Terre Haute accompanied Jack Reynolds and Bill Coakley to the Indiana Conference of Teamsters at the Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis, February 17, and was introduced as a newly appointed business representative of Teamsters Local 144.

Gross has a good labor background and is well liked in the trucking industry, particularly around western Indiana.



## Heard and Seen at 716

By HARRY HUDSON

Your Duty as an American and a Union Member is to  
**REGISTER NOW!**

If You Have Moved Since You Voted Last, or Failed to Vote  
Last Election, or If You Are a

### NEW RESIDENT

Go to Room 12, Courthouse Basement, Indianapolis—Register yourself and have all members of your family to register who are eligible to vote. Or consult the daily papers for registration branches in your ward. All registration closes April 3.

President Edward T. Carlson, of Local 716, has notified a large number of employers that collective bargaining contracts now existing have been reopened for negotiations. The employers so notified are as follows:

### INDIANAPOLIS

R. H. Marlin, Marlin Trucking Co., 4500 S. Harding St.  
L. Everton, Frank Nard Trucking Co., 1400 W. Raymond St.  
Fred Hauk, Hauk Trucking Co., 6700 Westfield Rd.  
Paul Keller, Peerless Electric Co., 122 S. Meridian St.  
T. H. Townsend, Pure Carbonic, Inc., 204 S. West St.  
G. S. Riley, Roadways, Inc., 2100 S. Harding St.  
O. F. Wadleigh, Sanborn Electric Co., 311 N. Illinois St.  
Wolford T. Gradison, Tri-State Construction Co., Kresge Bldg.  
K. Slifer, W. H. S. Electric Co., 446 S. Meridian St.  
W. Carl Sonnesfeld, 126 N. Lyndhurst Dr.  
Eugene Pluckbaum, Wentz-Kreis Co., 1019 Cedar St.  
Harry Kreis, Borman Transfer Co., 3721 E. 10th St.  
William F. Lewis, Radio Transfer, Inc., 2036 Pierson.  
York Transfer & Storage Co., 2154 N. Sherman Dr.  
Pete Dolly, Monroe Corp., 2219 N. Arlington.  
Stoelm Warehouse & Cartage Co., 359 W. Ray St.  
T. S. Munson, Cleveland Wrecking Co., 951 W. Morris St.  
Wayne W. Rick, Economy Electric Co., 1615 Gent St.  
Farrell-Argast Electric Co., 102 S. Meridian St.  
Merlin Elmore, 1718 Norfolk St.  
Merko Dotlich, Dotlich Brothers Trucking Co., 3716 16th St.  
Carpenter & Sons Trucking Co., 2403 Hillside Ave.  
Charles Cantrell, 3715 Graceland Ave.  
William Bertram, 4902 W. Naomi St.  
Day Excavating Co., 1455 S. Emerson Ave.  
Taylor Excavating Co., 2402 Cold Springs Rd.  
William Stephenson, 1433 S. Lyndhurst Dr.  
Pridgeon Trucking Co., 5102 Pendleton Pike.  
Poole Excavating Co., 2224 S. Lyndhurst Dr.  
Thomas W. Martis, 3103 Madison Ave.  
C. T. Johnson, Watson-Flagg Electric Co., 11 W. 17th St.  
C. O. Holmes, Executive Secretary, Building Contractors Assn. of Indianapolis, representing general contractors of Indianapolis.  
Henry Dennis, Dennis Trucking Co., 810 N. Missouri St.  
Donald Underwood, Underwood Transfer Co., 719 Virginia Ave.  
Frank Berck, Berck Transfer Co., 102 E. McCarty St.  
Capitol Transfer Co., 1242 Madison Ave.  
S. E. Pentecost, Equipment Rentals, 1601 Oliver Ave.  
Russell Harris, Harris Motor Transfer Co., 401 S. Alabama St.  
Mr. Adair, E. W. LaPlante Co., 2325 E. 46th St.  
K. F. Stutz, General Electric Supply Corp., 326 W. Georgia St.  
H. L. Grady, Grady Brothers, Inc., 915 S. Somerset.  
David Lurvey, Hatfield Electric Co., 1348 W. 16th St.  
Indiana Asphalt Paving Co., 2810 Columbia Ave.  
Richard F. Leslie, Leslie Construction Co., 2118 N. Meridian St.  
Niman Transfer & Storage Co., 1010 E. Maryland St.  
George F. Kopetsky, 5432 S. East St.  
Fred Harvey, 2254 N. Keystone.  
Ernest Hines, 3743 Creston Dr.  
Levi Hall, 840 N. California St.

### NOBLESVILLE

Francis W. Durocher, Gust K. Newberg Construction Co.  
Irvin A. Muter, Pittsburgh Piping and Equipment Co., % Newberg Construction Co.  
William Fountain, Fuel Economy Engineering Co.

### BEECH GROVE

Harian L. Collins, Tidale & Collins Construction Co.

### COLUMBUS, OHIO

K. F. Fishel, 1343 Holly Ave.

## Happenings In Richmond

By JAMES K. KATZ

Teamsters Union No. 601 has had the largest meeting of its history—more than 200 members attended.

We received a 10-cent increase from Bursley's, and check-off.

Our construction agreement is open and being negotiated.

Our city freight agreement is open and we have taken a strike vote on it. The members attending the meeting gave the negotiating committee the power of attorney to go in and battle it out, and I think that is what we will do—battle.

Harvey Becraft, steward at International Furniture, Rushville, is ill in bed with pneumonia.

## Evansville Cab Driver Robbed

EVANSVILLE—John Roeder, driver for the Yellow Taxicab Co. and a member of the Taxicab Drivers Union No. 11, was robbed on the night of February 21 of about \$17.

He told police that he picked up two men at Second Ave. and Virginian St. and when he reached the levee on the Mt. Vernon road they drew a gun on him and took his money.

The pair jerked the microphone from the radio equipped car, he said, and fled on foot north at the levee.

## Local 11 Bargains For New Contract

Negotiations were started Tuesday by the negotiating committee of the Taxicab Drivers Local No. 11 for a new contract. The present one expires April 23.

This new contract will be for drivers of Liberty, Empire and Yellow cabs, according to Lloyd Rhoads, secretary-treasurer of Local No. 11.

## Teamster Runs For Legislature

James F. Durnil, a member of the Teamsters Union in Indianapolis, has filed for the Republican nomination for State Representative. He is employed by the Daum Over-Nite Express Co., Inc.

Speaking of the "Wealth of Nations," can there be anything more valuable than union-made products.

The best public relations job for organized labor is to tell the benefits of labor unions to your neighbors!

Always ask for the Union Label, Shop Card, and Union Button. After a reasonable number of unsuccessful attempts, demand it!

The best bed-time stories for your youngsters are the facts about the Union Label.

The Union Label, Shop Card and Button are the best three-way cure for a cold war on depressions.

The Union Label is the emblem of the greatest industrial-peace movement in the world.

No matter what kind of a "deal" you are trying to get—see that a Union Label is on the deck.

The Union Label is like a beacon light in the world's stormy economic seas.

Union Label merchandise is the hottest competition for sweatshop products.

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## Some Interesting Statistics About the Trucking Industry

Twenty-four million square feet of glass, enough to enclose all the major league ball parks in a glass house as high as the Washington monument, are used annually by America's trucks.

At least 90 per cent of all household goods moving now is handled by truck.

Among the biggest users of trucks are the federal state and local governments which operate nearly 300,000 vehicles.

Rapid turn-around time enables one tank truck to do the work of 11 railroad tank cars on hauls up to 10 miles; of six on hauls of 100 to 200 miles.

More than 7,500,000 trucks today are serving American business, farms and homes.

Summer heat, one of the worst enemies of concrete highways, recently buckled a slab near Lexington, Ky. 18 inches above normal position.

Fifty different kinds of fruit and vegetables move by truck from a single Florida market to 26 states, some as far as New Hampshire and Kansas.

Trucks today carry about 60 per cent of the total tonnage moved in the nation's commerce.

Raw material from every state goes into the 1,100,000 new trucks and 50,000 new trailers bought annually by the trucking industry.

In one generation, the trucking industry has grown from 250,000 trucks (1916) to 7,500,000 (1948).

Trucking industry wages averaged \$3,050 in 1947, compared with the year's average wage of \$2,601 paid by all private industry.

Trucks in use in this country dropped off from a prewar high of 4,859,244 to a wartime low of 4,480,000 in 1943, but climbed to more than 7,500,000 by 1948.

The trucking industry employs more people than all other forms of transportation combined.

There are 25,000 fleets of trucks in this country with more than eight trucks per fleet, yet they total less than four per cent of all the trucks in use. Fifty-six per cent of the nation's trucks are owned by individuals who have just one truck.

Something new in fire trucks is a 750 gallon per minute vehicle with a high-pressure fog nozzle shaped like a machine gun. Equipment includes suction hose, carbon dioxide and foam extinguishers and hand water pumps. The new truck is especially good at handling oil and wood blazes.

## Mrs. O. B. Chambers Organizes Women In 5th District Centers

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To date she has organized counties centering about Kokomo, Peru, Wabash, Anderson, Marion and Frankfort.

Her first meeting was held in the Kokomo Labor Temple with wives, daughters and sisters of AFL members in Howard and Miami counties in attendance.

It was an enthusiastic gathering. The turn out was much greater than had been expected.

The Howard County unit elected officers as follows: Mrs. Omer Jester, chairman; Mrs. Robert Salter, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Walter Bennett, recording and corresponding secretary.

The Miami County unit named Mrs. Lee Lantz chairman; Mrs. Lloyd Dice, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Ellery Smith, recording and corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Lantz is wife of the business representative of Teamsters Local 759.

After the Kokomo meeting Mrs. Chambers said, "The Central Labor Union here has cooperated 100 per cent. With its continued assistance I feel confident that a strong, militant women's organization can be established in the Fifth District," according to "The Leader," official ISFL publication.

At the second meeting, held in the Wabash Labor Temple, the women pledged all out support for

the program and elected the following county officers: Mrs. Mary Mosler, chairman; Mrs. Harold Hays, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Joe Boone, recording secretary.

This meeting was called by Russell Thompson of Marion, district co-chairman, presided over by Mrs. Chambers and addressed by Hugh Gormley, AFL regional director; John Acker, State Federation secretary and John Shaffer of Huntington.

The third meeting, held in Frankfort early in March, was reported in "The Leader" thus:

FRANKFORT—A women's unit of Labor's League for Political Education to function in Clinton County was organized here last week by Mrs. O. B. Chambers of Kokomo, Fifth District chairman of women's activities.

Mrs. Chambers reported the meeting, held in the Labor Temple, was the most enthusiastic to date and the attendance was gratifying.

Glen Rabanus, co-chairman of the district, arranged the meeting. Chairman of the new unit is Mrs. Charles Lawhead. Mrs. Della Barbee is vice-chairman, and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, recording and financial secretary.

Other meetings are scheduled for an early date in Marion and Anderson, where support will be given by Willis Thomas, of Teamsters Local 369.



## Vest Drives Band Wagon On Icy Roads

An Indianapolis van driver, John Vest of Teamsters Local 193, is given credit for the fact that the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra was able to make all concerts scheduled on its recent tour of northeastern America and Canada.

The tour took the 85 orchestra members, led by Dr. Fabien Seitzky, to Ottawa, Canada, and return, with stops for concerts in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont. The personnel went by train.

John Vest, hauling their instruments, kept up with them in a Columbia Transportation Service truck. It was during the month of January and the roads up there were plenty slippery, when and if passable.

As witnessed by a letter to Mr. Vest from Howard Harrington, who with his assistant, Hubert Scott, accompanied the orchestra. Part of the letter says:

"Weather conditions and other situations beyond our control made it extremely difficult for you, but without your keen appreciation of the responsibility which we placed in you and your loyalty to our organization, we might not have been able to deliver all of the concerts."

## Vets Assn. Bids IBT Members

Aries Lee Passmore, Mayflower van driver and member of Teamsters Union No. 193, has been made vice-president of the 1st Armored Division Association, of World War II, and wants to increase membership among eligible Teamsters.

He invites everyone who belonged to "Old Ironsides," as the division was known, to write to him at his home, 4018 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, or telephone him at Blackstone 2611.

The association, with 2,000 members in the U. S., will hold its third annual reunion in the Holland Hotel, Cleveland, O., September 1-3 next.

## Heffner Suffers Old Back Injury

Big Ed Heffner of Local 123 is back on the job again and they hope at 13 West North street that he can keep it that way. He's had a bad three weeks in Methodist Hospital with an old back injury suffered in a motorcycle accident.

Which accounts for no column from Local 123 this month.

## Ellis Co. Gives Safety Awards

Safe driving awards were presented to 187 truck drivers, employees of the Ellis Trucking Co. of Indianapolis at dinners given at the Bander Restaurant.

More than \$3,000 in cash awards were given to the over-the-road drivers from eight cities in Indiana, Tennessee and Michigan where Ellis freight terminals are maintained.

## Register Now!

In Indiana, new voters and those who failed to vote in 1948 must register before April 3 for the primary and between May 15 and October 9 for the general election. Registration is permanent if a person votes at least once every two years.

## TWO OF COLUMBIA'S SAFE DRIVERS



R. H. Brandige, president of Columbia Transportation Service, Inc., presents service pins to Omer McGuire and Robert Terry at the company banquet for drivers February 21 in McClarny's restaurant, Indianapolis. McGuire and Terry, both in good standing in Teamsters Union No. 193, have driven nine and eight years, respectively, without an accident.

## News Notes from Local 193

By F. D. OWENS

The Home Outfitting Co., 424 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, has reached an agreement with Teamsters Local 193, granting increased wages and other union conditions to its employees. This store is on the FAIR list and we hope will receive the patronage of union members.

John Wallace, of North Side Transfer, has been reported ill at his home, 3042 Station St.

Argyle Coffman is ill in Veterans Hospital.

Palmer Clifton, trustee of Local 193, is back on the job after an illness.

## 22 Mayflower Drivers Earn Safety Awards

Multiplication for no-accident to 22 van drivers for the month of February has been sent to the American Trucking Assn. by Ralph Magnus, safety director of the Aero Mayflower Transit Co., employer of the drivers.

At the top of the list is John A. Switzer, credited with safe driving for eight years, and Hurchel Wethington with seven years of no chargeable accident.

Five-year men on the list are Claude M. Brokaw, Sidney Myers and August Wolf; three-year drivers Winfield Connelley and Howard Hylman; two-year Orville J. Cresson, Floyd C. Gullledge and Frederic J. Larson.

One-year men: James D. Armstrong, Milton J. Van Buntz, Lewis F. Coffinberry, Floyd E. Eaton, Frank J. Hardesty, Raymond E. Jack, Theodore R. Morrow, Paul N. Poland, Gail V. Shultz, Carl Stevens and Detrie C. Swanner.

## Rhoads Active In Boy Scouting

EVANSVILLE—A reminder of the civic interest of local American Federation of Labor unions is the charter issued to Explorers Post 58 by Boy Scouts of America, the parent organization, displayed in the neat frame in the office of the Central Labor Union.

Included with the charter is the ribbon won by the CLU-sponsored troop at the Merit Badge Show last November.

Representing the Evansville Central Labor Union sponsorship of Post 58, according to the charter, are institutional representative, John G. Soucie; committee Lloyd Rhoads, of Taxicab Drivers Local 11, chairman; Paul Crump and Fredric Sumner; advisor Roland E. Buttram and assistant advisor, Clarence Woods.

## Neff of No. 144 Hero of Month

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back seat and the door. I got on the car, tried the doors, and was able to open the back one. The car was so full of smoke that I couldn't see inside, but I felt around and got hold of the driver and pulled him out. I got him away from the car, thinking that at any minute it would go up in flames. "I still did not have any help, so I prevailed upon the girl who was free of the wreckage to take hold of the one pinned in the car. Then I took hold of the car and finally lifted it about a foot, which was enough to release the girl who had been pinned in the wreckage. The other girl pulled her out.

"The girl we got out of the wreckage did not appear to be too badly hurt, except possibly some broken ribs. When I got her on her feet, she was able to stand by herself, and fortunately so, for about that time the girl who had helped me faint, and had to be brought to. About that time I noticed lights coming and was thankful that at last someone was coming to help.

"Some boys in a station wagon

arrived and I told them to call an ambulance and the State Police. Then one of Kroger's drivers came along. He put out some more fuses farther up the road and we put the girls in his truck so they would keep warm—it was about 10 above zero. With the help of the Kroger driver and a Hancock Truck Lines driver who arrived, we were able to put the fire out and save the car from total loss by using our fire extinguishers."



## Swede Gets Pelican Eggs to Eat But Not Because of Desert Heat

By SWEDE CARLBOM

Of late last summer I had been "teaming" back and forth through the hot desert more so than any other summer. The terrific desert heat was liable to get a fellow with disastrous result if he didn't take precautions.



After unloading at Las Vegas, Nev., and with part-loads still on for Phoenix and Salome, Ariz., I sought relief from the heat in one of the many air-conditioned gambling establishments.

Poking a few nickels into a slot machine, I was fortunate in winning the jackpot. What surprised me most was when the nickel-slotted began to pay off the jackpot in half-dollars. Pocketing my winnings, I drove off into the desert where there isn't a shady place among all that sagebrush.

Passing a nursery, I stopped off and bought a large shade tree which I strapped onto the top of my van. In the afternoon I decided to have a nap. I placed the shade tree close to my cab. In the cooling effect it brought on, I soon went into a sweet sleep.

I intended to nap only for an hour or so, but alas, when I woke up the dawn of a new day was coming over the distant mountain peaks.

I noticed that during the night a couple of Pelicans had built a nest in the crown of my tree. Mamma Pelican was sitting on some eggs.

In among the roots of my tree I found a gang of groundhogs sound asleep.

Papa Pelican, who—by the way—was a generous sort of a guy, suggested that Mamma Pelican give me a couple of her eggs.

The groundhogs said they could spare some bacon as they would not need it right then and that they were going to take it easy until next February when they had to be up and around showing the people of our land their shadows.

So, after a breakfast of Pelican eggs and groundhog bacon, I felt pretty good. I strapped on my tree and took off for the California border.

At the inspecting station the state officers surrounded my van and demanded my tree, saying that no living plants or trees could be brought into the state.

I protested bitterly, saying my shade tree brought me much comfort while driving over the terrific hot desert. But it was to no avail. They said I could keep the shade but my tree had to be confiscated. I took the shade and put it on the top of my bunk in the cab.

On my way to Desert Center, it got so cool in there I had to put on the heater. At Indio, Calif., I got a couple of whiffs of the cool breezes from the Pacific and decided I would not need the shade any longer. So, I traded it for a couple pecks of dates to a farmer who was combining wheat in a nearby, very hot field.

He was very glad to get the shade and said I could help myself to some more dates as they were a nuisance, getting into his combine and causing all kinds of trouble.

At Los Angeles, I told the terminal "super" about my desert experience. He said he had heard that too much desert heat has a tendency to make people tell tall tales.

"But," said he, "it doesn't seem to affect you at all, Swede!" And I'm awfully glad it doesn't.

## Teamster's Son Is a Real Hero

TERRE HAUTE — Heroism of 10-year-old Alan Schoffstall in rescuing a pal from the icy water of a skating pond here was reported in local newspapers, March 8.

Alan is the son of Harry Schoffstall of Teamsters Union No. 144 and Mrs. Schoffstall, living at 483 South 14th street and attends Thompson School. He is credited with saving Dennis Mattien, also 10.

According to the Terre Haute newspapers:

The two boys and three other companions had gone to Deming park on Saturday for a hike. After playing for some time they went to the ice-coated pond at the park's entrance and began to explore its expanses.

As they scattered over the surface the ice gave way and plunged the Mattien boy into the water over his head. In utter disregard for his own safety, the Schoffstall boy moved in to aid the lad. The ice cracked beneath his feet and he, too, was dunked into the water.

Swimming to where the Mattien boy was seen to sink, Schoffstall towed the stricken youth, who was unable to swim, approximately 15 feet to shallow water and both made their way to the bank.

**BUY BONDS!**

## Truck Rodeo For May 13-14 In Evansville

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charge of awards last year, will head that committee again.

Because of the recently completed safety lanes on Riverside Drive where the rodeo has been held heretofore, it will be held this year in the parking area at Bosse Field.

There will be two classes of competition this year as in the past. These will be tractor-trailer and straight truck driving. Entries in each class will be limited to 10.

Applications will be received by the Chamber of Commerce after March 15. In order to be eligible a driver must have an accident-free record from March 15, 1949 to March 15, 1950. Furthermore, any driver entered who has an accident between the time of filing his entry and rodeo time will be disqualified.



## L. Whitehead Declines B.A. Job In Letter

In lieu of accepting a position as business representative with Teamsters Union No. 188, Lynn Whitehead has written a letter to C. E. Davis, president, explaining his ill health but strong enthusiasm for the union, in part as follows:

"I want you to know that it does not mean I am letting you or our cause down. I appreciate very much being considered for one of your immediate helpers and I wish I were physically able to go on and help you as a good union man should.

"However, the doctor told me last summer that this old heart of mine would last me a while yet if I took everything slowly and carefully; but if I continued to fling myself at everything full blast he would not be responsible for the consequences.

"I know that if I took your offer I would want to go all the way and work hard at it and I know too that I should not do it under such conditions. However, count on me to do all I am physically able to and I will sow as many seeds of good fellowship and pleasant working conditions as I can; I will talk all I can for our cause and I will always try to keep our boys from losing the ground they have gained through all your years of hard work for us.

"If our membership would only stop and consider for five minutes each day just what fine contracts, conditions and pay we have now, and compare them with the conditions we knew from 1930 to 1939 I believe every man in the local would be very careful of what he said or did that would cause us to go back to those hours, low wages and paternalism.

"Prosperity is too often a cause of forgetting to be thankful for what we have. A little brotherly love, a respect for good leadership and a desire to help our children in the next decades on their jobs should solve many of the problems that arise in our group.

"Good luck, Everett! I'm all for you. Don't think I'm letting you down.

"Fraternally yours,  
"Lynn Whitehead."

## Hess Appeals For Big Vote

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all Teamsters, too," he added. But there are other Congressional districts to be watched. "We got rid of Dr. Gillie, of Harness and Grant—we don't want any more like them in Washington, ever again. The defeat of Jack O'Grady in Terre Haute was by such a narrow margin it shows what we could have done—elected O'Grady, if we had worked just a little harder."

He explained the need of seeing that all Teamsters are registered and that they vote for labor friends. To vote in the primaries requires that all who failed to vote in 1948 must be registered by April 8. Registration for voting in November can be made May 15 to October 9.



## OFFICIAL FAMILY OF LOCAL NO. 188



This picture, snapped at the meeting of Bakery, Laundry, Dairy Employees and Sales Drivers Union No. 188, Indianapolis, when George Oakley was elected three-year trustee and George Dugger was elected trustee to fill an unexpired term, shows Executive Board members and others as follows:

Left to Right—Walter Meyer, recording secretary; C. R. Kinnaman, vice-president; Lynville G. Miles, counsel; C. E. Davis, president; John Spaulding, warden; Leonard Bea, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Oakley, Clara Wilhelm, office manager, and Mr. Dugger.

### Teamster Runs Eating Place In Logansport

Truckers driving in or through Logansport will find a good, sociable place to eat at U. S. 24 and West Linden. It is the Thomas Drive Inn.

Mine host is Merle Thomas, until recently a driver for Columbia Lines, and member of Teamsters Local 193.

The safer your car—the safer you are.

### KATZ A TRUSTEE OF RICHMOND CLC

RICHMOND—James Katz, head of Teamsters Union No. 691, has been elected a trustee of the Central Labor Council here for the ensuing year. He serves with Earl Dickess and E. A. Gerkin.

Other officers elected include Wm. J. Kyle, president; Clifton Knodle, vice-president; James Dunn, financial secretary; Paul Strikeleather, recording secretary, and Earl Ambrose, sergeant-at-arms.

## News From 369

By D. E. MAHONEY

The next meeting of this local union will be held Sunday, April 9, at 10 a. m. at the City Building in Muncie.

We have contracts signed for another year at the French Steam Dye Works, Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. and the Craig and Ray Cab Co. of Muncie.

Brother Loren Shockley of the French Steam is in the St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis, where he underwent another operation on his eyes. Hope to see him back on the job soon. Sister Sarah Shockley is back to work at the French Steam after a recent operation.

The following contracts are open for negotiation and should be settled soon: Lumber and Building Supply agreement, Omar Bakery and Commodity Sales.

Brother Charles Tucker, driver at Ball Stores, is on the sick list. Hope to see Charlie back on the job soon!

Local 369 deeply regrets the loss of three of its members this past month. Brother Raymond E. Brandes died February 14 after a three-month illness. Prior to his illness, he worked for the Miller Trucking Co., Gas City. Brother Brandes had belonged to this local for 14 months but had belonged to the Teamsters in Wisconsin for several years. We extend our sympathies to Mrs. Brandes, who has also been a member of the Teamsters Union but is on a withdrawal card at present. She had worked as a relief driver for her husband.

Brother Leslie Hayden died February 13, 1950, at Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis. Brother Hayden had been a member of this local since 1937 and had worked for the Central Beverage Co. for 18 years.

Brother Theodore Bousman was killed in a fire explosion at Hartford City February 17. Brother Bousman had been a member of this local for about a year and had worked at the Miller Transportation out of Muncie. Our sympathy goes to his family.

We have two members in Marion among our dump truck drivers who are going to run for county offices this spring in the primary election. Brother Earl Ratliff is running for the office of Grant County Assessor and Brother Paul Uptegraft is running for the office of Grant County Sheriff. We wish both of them luck in their campaigns.

We are very glad to see Brother Herschel Moore is able to be back to work at the Marion Trucking Co. Brother Moore has been off work for several weeks with a broken back which he received in an automobile accident.

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Brother Clark A. Davis of the Deer Creek Dairy at Marion, had his left hand injured in an accident with an electric saw at his home a few days ago. It will have to be in a cast for three weeks and then it will probably be a while before he will be able to do his job. The other drivers at the milk plant are dividing his route up between them and helping to keep his route up for him so he will have something to come back to when he is again able to work.

## Up to Date with Local No. 188

By CLARA WILHELM

Local No. 188 congratulates its membership on its safe driving record during the months of January and February, the most hazardous months of the winter season. No accidents of any consequence were reported. Along this line, we happen to know that Brother Gayle Barlow, formerly from Shelbyville, who is one of the pleasant salesdrivers who deliver Omar products to your door, is due a three-year no-accident award. Good luck, Gayle. We hope you earn many more of these awards!

We had a wonderful turnout at the General Meeting March 7, at the Antlers Hotel. This will be the last General Meeting until September.

Not a minute sooner than it was needed, our office has been renovated with a nice new coat of paint, and it looks pretty sharp. We chose green this time because we like green. Then too it goes well with our new office assistant's red hair. Her name is Mary Jo Papesh, and we hope she stays with us a long time.

In the blessed event department, we have a couple of future members. Mrs. Chloe Jones, whose husband is a salesdriver for Wonder Bread, presented him with a boy, and Mrs. Wayne Brahaum, whose husband is employed at the Zimmerman Towel Supply, also had a baby boy.

Mrs. Don Wamsley, whose husband is also an employee of the Zimmerman Towel Supply, broke the monotony by having a girl. The best of wishes to all of you parents, and to your little bambinos.

Brother Walter Schneider, one of our trustees, has been ill, we just learned. He assured us at the General Meeting the other night that he was taking good care of himself, and soon expects to be feeling up to par again. You do that, Brother Schneider! We miss you around!

Our steward from over at Blue Valley Creamery has been on the sick list, Brother Henry Oltman. He is back to work again and is feeling much better.

Frank Prevot, of General Baking, has been ill at home for several weeks.

Frank Siscoe, of National Biscuit Co., is on the sick list.

William Hayes, employed at Excelsior Laundry, is recuperating from an operation performed at Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Harold Onan, whose husband is employed at Omar, is confined to General Hospital.

To all of these members, and Mrs. Onan, we wish a speedy recovery.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Eady Peavler, mother of Law Zaring, our steward at Darko Cleaners, had suffered a broken leg in a recent fall. She is confined at Methodist Hospital. We certainly hope that the bone will knit as quickly as possible, and that she will be able to be around again before too long.

Paul Myers, an employee at National Biscuit Co., lost his father recently. To Brother Myers and his family go our sincere sympathy.

## Thru the Door of 144

We want to congratulate Brother George Neff of Local 144 on being chosen Driver of the Month for January, 1950, by the Indiana Motor Truck Assn. for an act of heroism, as reported elsewhere in this issue.

Also in these pages you can read about the heroism of a member's son, in saving the life of a pal. Congrats to Alan Schoffstall!

We are sorry, however, to hear of the illness of Brother James Church.

Contracts with the following companies have been settled: Home Packing Co., Morge Delivery Co., Kroger Co., Mid States Paper Co., Wadley Co.